

## **Recommendations to Support Ownership of Broadcast Stations by Diverse Entrepreneurs**

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**FCC Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment**

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In the course of direct communications through proper official channels as necessary for the efficient conduct of public business, including if any members of Congress or their staff seek technical assistance or other advice from the Commission, the Chair and Commissioners should consider:

- A. Supporting passage of HR 3957 (“the Butterfield Bill”) (or substitutes) in the current Congress or subsequent Congresses;
- B. Requesting the sponsors of that legislation to amend it to direct the FCC, as the expert agency, to conduct a rulemaking proceeding to determine a safe harbor percentage of equity, debt, and voting power for diverse “control” of broadcast stations to make them eligible for a re-established tax certificate program; and
- C. Supporting donor eligibility for a tax credit for donating a broadcast station to a nonprofit training school or other institution to train members of diverse populations to become broadcast owners or operators.